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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **WAKI, Minoru**

Group Art Unit: 1714

Serial No.: 09/673,194

Examiner: **Callie E. Shosho**

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For. **WATER-BASED PIGMENT DISPERSION, PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE
SAME AND WATER-BASED INK CONTAINING THE SAME**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 14, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004 for two months from October 14, 2004 to December 14, 2004.

The commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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